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TO : Deputy Director (Intelligence)

ATTN : Mr. Sheldon

SUBJECT :

REFERENCE:

1. Please make arrangements to brief me on the Combined Cryptologic Program within the next few days, perhaps on Wednesday when you brief me on the ELINT Plan.

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2. I have a feeling that the Director has assumed, and turned over to certain responsibilities in this regard about which he is not personally acquainted.

(Signed),

M. S. C.

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-257

Date 21 June 1963


TO : Deputy Director/Research

SUBJECT : Passes over the United States by Soviet Satellites

REFERENCE:

Will you undertake a detailed study of the passes which have been made over the United States by Soviet space vehicles, both manned and unmanned. Will you also undertake to maintain this on a current basis and keep the DCI advised of the status.

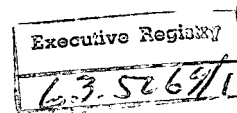
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Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

cc: DD/I

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21 June 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Carter ~~Mr. Kirkpatrick~~ 6/21/63

Mr. McCone requests on an urgent basis a detailed study of the number of passes by Soviet COSMOS vehicles and Soviet astronauts over the U.S. This is to be a detailed study which is to be maintained on a continuing current basis.



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28 JUN 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Passes Over the United States by Soviet Satellites

REFERENCE: Your action memorandum A-257, same subject,
dated 21 June 1963

1. This memorandum is in response to your request in the reference.

2. A detailed study has been made of the total number of passes over the United States by all Soviet satellites, beginning with Sputnik 1 and covering all passes up to 30 June 1963. This figure came to

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[] passes, and did not include passes over the United States by the payloads of interplanetary and lunar probes which remained in earth orbit, following an unsuccessful attempt to eject out of parking orbit. A breakdown of this total by individual satellites is included in Appendix A.

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3. The grand total amount is somewhat unrealistic, in that it includes [] passes by Sputniks 1, 2, and 3. The details of the payload of these three vehicles were well publicized, and unquestionably they had no reconnaissance mission. The manned Vostok vehicles and the series of unmanned Vostok vehicles preceding the first manned launching were less publicized with regard to their payload. This group produced

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[] crossings of the United States, a number which increases to [] if the crossings of Sputnik 4 are counted after its ejection into a

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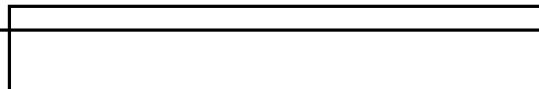
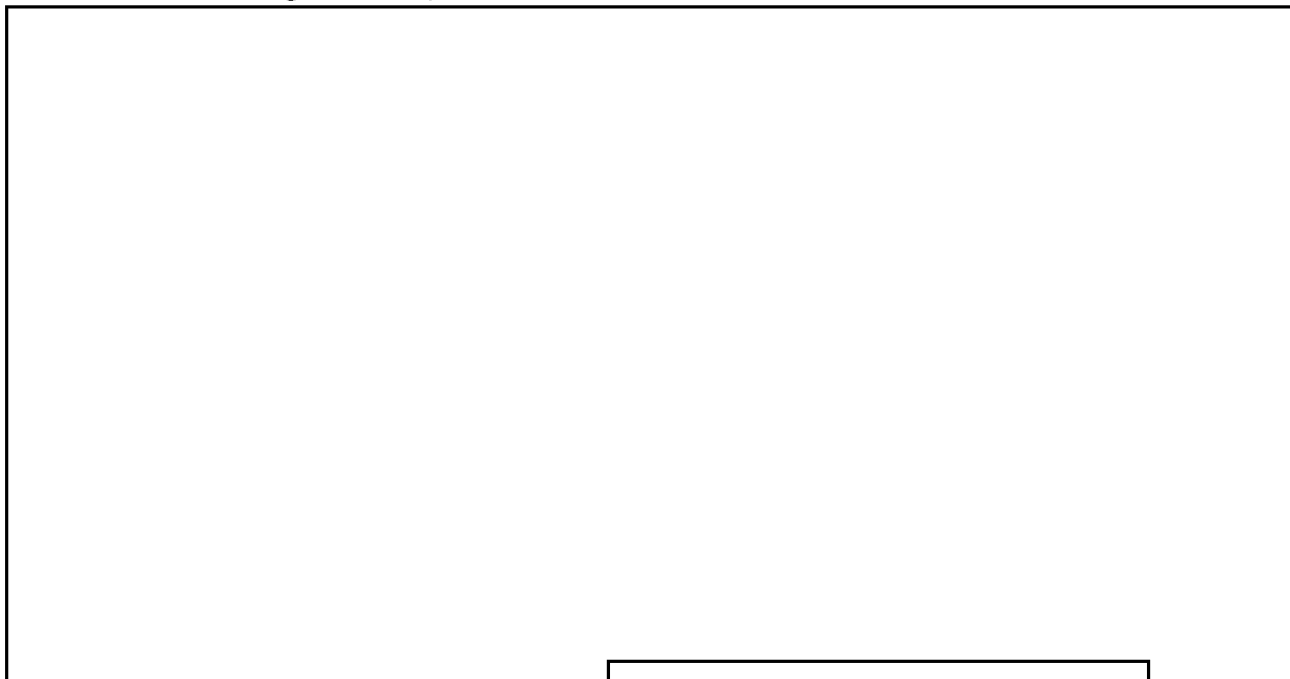
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higher orbit, as the result of an unsuccessful deorbit attempt.

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4. The Cosmos series of launchings provides the most fertile area for rebuttal against any claims against U.S. reconnaissance satellites.



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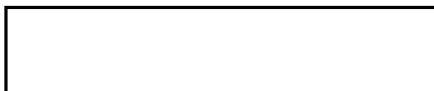
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Enclosures:

Appendix A - Breakdown of passes

Appendix B - Crossings over U.S.

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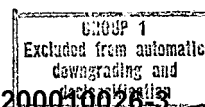


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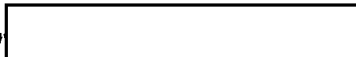
Chart - Recent Soviet Earth
Satellite Vehicles - Cosmos
Series, 1962 - 1963

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